

CLAIMS

1. An extended release composition comprising as active compound Venlafaxine Hydrochloride, in which Venlafaxine Hydrochloride is coated on a non pareil inert core, which coated core is then coated with a polymeric layer which enables the controlled release of the Venlafaxine Hydrochloride.
2. A composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition comprises 30 – 60% of Venlafaxine Hydrochloride per weight of the total dosage form.
3. A composition according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the Venlafaxine Hydrochloride is suitably connected to a binder.
4. A composition according to Claim 3, wherein the binder is selected among polyvinyl pyrrolidone (povidone), hydroxypropylcellulose and hydroxypropylmethylcellulose.
5. A composition according to Claim 3 or 4, wherein the composition comprises 0.5% - 10% of the binder per weight of the total dosage form.
6. A composition according to any of Claims 1 to 5, wherein the non pareil inert core is an inert sugar core, a microcrystalline cellulose or the like.
7. A composition according to any of Claims 1 to 6, which comprises 30 – 60% of the core per weight of the total dosage form.
8. A composition according to any of Claims 1 to 7, wherein the core is coated with an isolating/protecting/separating layer.
9. A composition according to Claim 8, wherein the isolating layer is composed of polymers such as polyvinylpyrrolidone, hydroxypropylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, microcrystalline, cellulose, carrageenan, GMS.
10. A composition according to Claim 8 or 9, wherein the isolating layer is comprised of 0.5 – 10% of the isolating layer per weight of the total dosage form.
11. A composition according to any of Claims 1 to 10, being coated with an additional polymeric layer.

12. A composition according to Claim 11, wherein said additional polymeric layer is composed, e.g. of a hydrophobic polymer mixed with an appropriate hydrophobic or hydrophilic plasticizer.
13. A composition according to Claim 12, wherein said coating polymers are selected among Eudragit, cellulose derivatives such as hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, ethyl cellulose, cellulose acetate and their plasticizers are selected among castor oil, dibutyl sebacate, glyceryl monostearate, diethyl phthalate, glyceryl triheptanoate, triethyl citrate.
14. A composition according to any of Claims 12 or 13, which comprises 2 – 15% of the hydrophobic polymer per weight of the total dosage form; and 0.1 – 2% per weight of the hydrophobic plasticizer per weight of the total dosage form.